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50 years-to-life for 2009 Huntington Station home invasion

A Yonkers man convicted for his role in a Huntington Station home invasion in which he and his codefendants gained entry to the house by offering information about President Obama's health care legislation was sentenced in Suffolk County court in Riverhead today.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said Vance Jackson received 50-years-to-life in prison. Jackson was convicted of burglary, robbery, weapons, and assault charges last September.

Carrying a clipboard and pamphlets, Jackson, 47, and codefendant Benjamin Thompson, 32, of Brooklyn, forced their way inside and demanded cash, shooting one man in the neck, pistol-whipping a woman and shooting another female in the foot. All of the victims recovered from their injuries.

They made off with \$4,000 in cash but were arrested a short time later by Suffolk County police.

After three days of deliberations, the jury convicted Jackson of four counts of burglary in the first degree, three counts of robbery in the first degree, three counts of assault in the first degree, one count of assault in the second degree, one count of criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, and one count of endangering the welfare of a child.

Codefendant Benjamin Thompson, 32, of Brooklyn, is incarcerated in Sing Sing Correctional Facility serving a 16-years-to-life sentence after pleading guilty to robbery charges. Defendant Natalie Desir, 27, of Nyack, convicted of robbery and burglary charges, testified during Jackson's trial and is incarcerated at Albion Correctional Facility .



Vance Jackson
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